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Immediate Needs/Wish List
• Copy/Xerox paper
• Canned cat food
• Canned dog food
• Bleach & liquid laundry detergent
• Paper towels & plates

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SAVECats (Spay And Vaccinate Every Cat)!

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Rude Ranch Animal Rescue
Spay Spa & Neuter Nook
SPCA of Anne Arundel County
Sunshine’s Friends Cat and Dog Rescue
Cats R Us
Friends of Anne Arundel County Animal Control

This program was created in response to Anne Arundel County Bill 96-17, which was signed into law in January. This bill enables community cat caregivers the right to practice TNvR (trap/neuter/vaccinate/return) legally. It also grants community cats that have already been sterilized and vaccinated the right to live in their communities.

Rude Ranch created this program to provide a comprehensive method to manage and track community cats in Anne Arundel County, provide guidance to people that are interested in helping community cats, provide resources to caregivers with community cat colonies and, lastly, to provide an alternative to euthanasia for community cats that absolutely cannot be returned to the community.

The core of this program centers around helping communities solve problems they may have with unwanted cats. Most of these cats originated from humans abandoning them without being fixed and they started doing what cats do and continue to produce more cats. This program is designed to stop that cycle. With the help of the community, we can get these cats spayed or neutered and stop the breeding cycle. This leads to far fewer nuisance complaints and healthier cats.

We are working closely with Animal Control to identify problem areas and to help reduce the number of Community Cats entering the shelter which will ultimately reduce the euthanasia rate. So far the program has completed 3 major projects in the Harwood and Glen Burnie areas and has provided spay/neuter surgeries to over 600 cats.

The program will need a lot of funding and a lot of volunteers. Alley Cat Allies generously granted us $50,000 to expand the capacity of the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook to accommodate our anticipated increase in surgeries. PetSmart Charities and the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay & Neuter Grants Program have generously funded many of our surgeries along with funding from the Snyder Foundation. It is truly a community effort bringing Continued on page 7
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Last year’s tournament was a huge success raising over $40,000 for Rude Ranch and other local animal charities. This year’s tournament will be even bigger with fantastic food, a silent auction and more!

The tournament will be a 4 person scramble. Registration starts at 9 with a shot gun start at 11 am! You can also participate in the putting contest, long drive and other fun competitions.

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Anne Arundel County Police Officer Russel Heller Sr and his daughter Bella have already made this arrangement with several SAVECats cats. Batman, Robin, and Yum Yum were 4 month old kittens that were found in an abandoned house in Brooklyn Park and turned into Animal Control. They were terrified of people and their prospects for adoption were small. Likewise, exmorm cats Galaxy and Stardust were former barn cats that were suddenly homeless when the property they were living on was sold for development. Officer Heller has a small farm and his barn was overrun with mice. His daughter, Bella, loves cats. Officer Heller, Bella and the cats met and quickly decided that hiring the cats to work in the barn (and even hang out in the house) would make everyone very happy! Galaxy and Stardust immediately went to work in the barn and the kittens spent a few weeks in Bella’s bedroom, learning to trust humans. Within a week, Officer Heller noticed fewer mice “heading for the walls” everyday he opened the barn door!

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Can’t Adopt A Cat Right Now? Sponsor a Rude Ranch Cat!

Want to help a homeless animal, but can’t take one more in? Sponsor a Rude Ranch long-term resident instead! Your tax-deductible sponsorship of a Rude Ranch long-term resident for just $20 a month (67 cents a day) will provide food, kitty litter and toys for one of our special needs cats. The cats in this program include feral and abused cats, FIV positive and FEIV positive cats. Right now most of our FIV cats have sponsors, but a lot of the feral and abused cats are still hoping for a sponsor.

When you sponsor one of these cats, we will send you an adoption certificate, with pictures and the history of the cat you choose. We will proudly display a picture of your cat with your name as the cat’s sponsor on our website. You can even make an appointment to come visit your “virtual adoptee” anytime. For more information about our sponsorship program, visit our website at www.ruderanch.org and click on “Sponsor A Resident.” Or email rrar@ruderanch.org

Starsky has a sponsor! Thanks Mike!

YES, I would like to help the animals . . .

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue relies on donations and volunteers to carry out our mission to save the animals. We receive no federal funding. Your donation of a few dollars* or a few hours of your time can go a long way toward helping our cause.

Name__________________________ Address__________________________
City__________________________ State________ Zip__________________________
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Please check one: ( ) $250 ( ) $100 ( ) $50 ( ) $25 ( ) Other $_______ I would like to volunteer:
Our Mailing address is: Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, 3200 Ivy Way, Harwood, MD 20776

New! Donate online with your Mastercard, Visa, or American Express! Go to www.RudeRanch.org and click on the Visa logo.

Donate online with PayPal.com. Our account name is “dannis@ruderanch.org”

Does your employer have a matching donation program? If so, your donation will be doubled! Please send any matching donation documentation requirements to Rude Ranch and we will gladly process them. Thank you!

*All donations are tax deductible. **Help us deserve more of your donation. Send all your remittance to us by email.

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Planning on moving across the street/state or country soon? Don’t forget to let us know so we can update our mailing list. Just send an email to info@ruderanch.org with your new address and we will take care of the rest.

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www.ruderanch.org
www.SpaySpa.org
CFC #45379             MCC #52-2312763          United Way #9664

Immediate Needs/Wish List
• Copy/Xerox paper
• Canned cat food
• Canned dog food
• Bleach & liquid laundry detergent
• Paper towels & plates

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SAVECats (Spay And Vaccinate Every Cat)!

Rude Ranch is excited to announce a new program to help Community Cats in Anne Arundel County. It stands for what it does: Spay and Vaccinate Every Cat. The program consists of a partnership of Animal Welfare Groups and Citizens in the County. Our Major partners are:

- Rude Ranch Animal Rescue
- Spay Spa & Neuter Nook
- SPCA of Anne Arundel County
- Sunshine’s Friends Cat and Dog Rescue
- Cats R Us
- Friends of Anne Arundel County
- Animal Control

This program was created in response to Anne Arundel County Bill 96-17, which was signed into law in January. This bill enables community cat caregivers the right to practice TNvR (trap/neuter/vaccinate/return) legally. It also grants community cats that have already been sterilized and vaccinated the right to live in their communities.

Rude Ranch created this program to provide a comprehensive method to manage and track community cats in Anne Arundel County, provide guidance to people that are interested in helping community cats, provide resources to caregivers with community cat colonies and, lastly, to provide an alternative to euthanasia for community cats that absolutely cannot be returned to the community.

The core of this program centers around helping communities solve problems they may have with unwanted cats. Most of these cats originated from humans abandoning them without being fixed and they started doing what cats do and continue to produce more cats. This program is designed to stop that cycle. With the help of the community, we can get these cats spayed or neutered and stop the breeding cycle. This leads to far fewer nuisance complaints and healthier cats. We are working closely with Animal Control to identify problem areas and to help reduce the number of Community Cats entering the shelter which will ultimately reduce the euthanasia rate. So far the program has completed 3 major projects in the Harwood and Glen Burnie areas and has provided spay/neuter surgeries to over 600 cats.

The program will need a lot of funding and a lot of volunteers. Alley Cat Allies generously granted us $50,000 to expand the capacity of the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook to accommodate our anticipated increase in surgeries. Petsmart Charities and the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay & Neuter Grants Program have generously funded many of our surgeries along with funding from the Snyder Foundation. It is truly a community effort bringing

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